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D. R. P. C. WOLCOTT WRITES FROM SHIP

(Continued from Last Week)
The "Nanking" is a comfortable ship and we are quite satisfied with our accommodations and the service. She is a twin screw, oil burning steel ship, 440 feet long and of 60 feet beam. There is no palm garden or Ritz restaurant aboard, but everything is clean and comfortable and ship-shape. She is of American registry and flies the American flag, the officers too, are Americans, but all the rest of the ship's company, the crew, the cabin boys and mess boys are Chinese. We carry 500 Chinese in the steerage and they have the forward deck for exercise and recreation, we often stand at the rail and watch them at their games and they seem a clean and orderly lot, much more so than the third class passengers one sees on an Atlantic liner.

Of the 105 first cabin passengers, more than 40 are Chinese, the most of them young men and women students returning to their homes from American colleges. They are an alert, intelligent and attractive lot of young people, well dressed and with good manners, and they give one a most favorable impression of Young China. The greater number of them are from South China but I have just been talking with one who is returning to his native Peking, who is a graduate of the divinity school of the University of Chicago and is going back to teach in a Christian school. There are several other Chicago graduates, and many from Columbia and other eastern colleges. I notice that several of them wear Phi Beta Kappa keys. Several of the young women are particularly attractive and pleasing in manner and are often surrounded by groups of white children who play with them and beg them to tell stories.

Among our other passengers is Dr. Schurman, the newly appointed Minister to China, and his family, a very friendly and simple man. Another with whom I have talked much is a colonel of marines going out to command the marine garrison at Honolulu. There is an agricultural expert who has searched the far corners of the earth for rare plants and better varieties of useful fruits and herbs and is now in charge of a government plant experiment station in Hawaii. There are a few missionary families going back to work after furlough, but they are quiet, unobtrusive people who keep much to themselves. There are no fashionable or flashy people so far as I can make out, and they all seem a friendly and companionable lot.

When we sailed out of the Golden Gate the skies were dark and the wind chill, and we soon found that the sea outside was very rough. The crowd soon melted away from the cabins and on deck and most "sought the seclusion that a cabin grants" only to reappear in the dining saloon a couple of days later. Mrs. Wolcott was one of the notable exceptions, proving herself an excellent sailor and making it her boast that she has not missed a meal. I confess to missing four, but by Monday morning I had found my sea legs and since all has gone merrily.

The weather, too, has steadily improved and grows warmer daily, the officers are all in white duck and the ladies in thin gowns, and overcoats and steamer rugs have been stowed away. The promenade deck is unusually wide and there is plenty of room for the long row of steamer chairs and for promenading and for deck games as well.

The daily routine is about as follows: rising and bath, 7; breakfast, 8; broth and crackers served on deck at 10:30; tiffin, 1; tea, 4; dinner, 7, and between times deck games, conversation and reading. If by any chance one should be in need of nourishment at other times the deck stewards will supply the need, and then there is a bar in the smoking room at which the thirsty may find solace, but although the old-fashioned beverages are procurable, I have seen almost no drinking and the favorite tippie seems to be lemonade. Ladies go into the smoking room freely and the place seems as quiet and respectable as the dining saloon. I am sure that the owners make very little profit from the bar.

There is a small Chinese orchestra which plays at luncheon and dinner and on deck in the evening for dancing. This is not bad but there is a mechanical player piano in a half open deck house which plays ragtime distressingly, but it is mercifully locked except for certain specified hours.

We are due in Honolulu early Saturday morning and we are all planning a run ashore, as we are to stay there twelve hours. It is 2,100 miles from San Francisco to Honolulu and between rolls a vast lonely waste of waters. We have seen no ships and are not likely to see any. We have seen no sea creatures until today when flying fish have begun to appear; no porpoises, or Portuguese men-o'-war, or other denizens of the deep commonly seen in semi-tropical waters. Probably they will appear later. The sea is still pretty lumpy and there is a good deal of roll to the ship, but not enough to cause any serious inconvenience. The sea is very beautiful with the changing cloud effects and the deep cobalt blue of the distance and the bright green of the breaking wave crests and the milky white foam. There is only a trace of phosphorescence as yet, but it will increase as we go further south. The sunsets are

beautiful and the sky wonderful with stars at night.

I am glad Mrs. Wolcott is greatly enjoying the voyage and the rest and is visibly improving in health day by day. By the time we get to Yokohama two weeks from now I am sure that we shall be "fit as fiddies." I shall write again from Yokohama, until then, with greetings to all our friends, Good bye.

P. C. WOLCOTT.

LAKE COUNTY EXHIBIT WINS FIRST PLACE

For Second Year in Succession State Fair Honor Comes to This County

For the second year in succession Lake county has been awarded first prize for its county school exhibit at the Illinois State Fair. T. Arthur Simpson, county superintendent of schools has returned from Springfield with the news. When it is considered that Lake county is in competition with all other counties in the state it will be realized that it is an extremely high honor to win first prize both years. Experts who judged the exhibits asserted that for originality and for excellence they never had seen anything to compare with the Lake county exhibit.

In addition to this the announcement is received that the Warren township high school of Grunee won second prize for high school exhibits. First prize went to Lane Technical high school of Chicago. The agricultural exhibit of the Warren Township high school was praised highly. High schools from all parts of the state were in competition.

CANDIDATES ENTER CONTEST FOR OFFICES

Former State's Attorney Will Run for Probate Judge; New Position

Each day brings something new politically.

Friday came the announcement that James G. Welch was a candidate for probate judge, the new position created by the new census; Saturday came the announcement from John Bullock that he is to be a candidate for probate clerk, also a newly created position.

Furthermore, former sheriff Elvin Griffin Saturday threw his hat into the ring and becomes a candidate for sheriff. This makes three avowed candidates seeking the nomination for that office, T. J. Stahl being the first in the field and Ed Ahlstrom being the other.

Mr. Bullock is the first in the field for probate clerk but rumors have been current for some time that Jay Morse, also a deputy in county clerk Hendee's office, was to be a candidate for that new office.

Both men have had extensive experience, in the county clerk's office and the new office will be quite in line with the duties which the new official will have to assume.

4,599 AUTOMOBILES IN LAKE COUNTY

Board of Review's Figures Show That Average Value of Car is \$261.67

Figures turned over to the board of review show a total of 4,599 automobiles in the county, valued at \$1,203,406. The average value of all the cars in the county is \$261.67.

The following tabulation shows the number and valuation of cars in all the townships in Lake county:

Township	Number	Value
Benton	89	\$ 18,560
Zion City	241	61,340
Newport	151	26,910
Antioch	233	47,470
Lake Villa	120	28,400
Grant	83	19,190
Avon	223	51,310
Warren	193	36,350
Twp. Waukegan	142	32,255
City Waukegan	920	256,000
Shields	73	38,890
Lake Forest	168	72,050
Libertyville	362	122,480
Fremont	140	26,107
Wauconda	155	29,230
Cuba	150	39,440
Ela	251	54,286
Vernon	202	45,890
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